

HARD ROAD FROM HERE TO THE KEYS

Question Is Being Urged by J. A. Williams of Levy County.

ADVISES PEOPLE OF LEVY TO ACT

Wants to Connect With Hard Road Alachua Commissioners Are Now Building West, Which Runs via Newberry, Trenton, and on to Keys.

There is a strong chance of a rock road being built from this city to Cedar Key, if the people of Levy county take action in the matter, as it is now being urged in that county.

The citizens and the commissioners are already at work upon the road spoken of by Mr. Williams in his communication to The Bronson Times-Democrat, and if sufficient interest can be aroused by the citizens of Levy the road will be an assured thing.

Mr. Williams says in his open letter to the people of Levy county:

"It is my desire to see a hard road to the sea at Cedar Key, Fla. I think the north end should connect at Trenton with the hard road that is being built from Gainesville via Newberry.

"I do not mean a mere public road, but a rock road, say 14 feet wide, and as near as airline as it is practicable to build. You people in the western part of the county have as good or better farming land than any of the rest of us. You have no railroad or any other way of marketing your farm products, nor are you likely to have for many years yet to come.

"A rock road will in my opinion do you more good than a railroad, for the railroads carry away the money while a rock road will enable you to market your products and at the same time keep your money at home. It will more than double the value of your land, on an average. It will give to you Gainesville, Newberry, Trenton and Cedar Key as markets.

"It will advertise your county, and especially the western portion, as nothing else will do.

"There is now a hard road near completion from Gainesville to Tampa. In a few years more I anticipate there will be hard roads from Gainesville to Jacksonville and Tallahassee.

"This road will cost us about twice as much as the new court house did and will be of ten times more service to you. We have paid for the court house, and who of us have felt the burden to be galling?

"Now is the time to build it, before the turpentine and timber is all gone, thereby reducing the assessable property of the county. The law provides for the establishment of special tax road districts similar to our sub-school districts, in which a special tax can be levied for road purposes not exceeding 5 mills. In my opinion we should form a special road district embracing the whole west side of the county, making it as large as possible, levy the 5-mill tax and devote the whole of it to the building of such a road.

"Here is something for the Farmers' Union to take hold of that will ever be a monument to its existence.

"J. A. WILLIAMS."

SCHOOL OPENS AT FRANKLAND.

Mammoth Pumpkin Raised by W. M. Hines on His Farm.

Frankland, Sept. 10.—The school at Frankland opened last Monday under the management of Miss Katherine Salter, with twelve pupils present.

The farmers are very busy gathering corn and the fleecy staple.

W. M. Hines is considered the largest pumpkin grower of the West End, as he planted one the 14th of June and pulled it September 7th. It was 5 feet 11 inches by 5 feet 8 inches, weighing 190 pounds.

The friends of Wiley Hines, who had the misfortune to break his leg in two places, are glad to learn that he is improving.

Safety of the Stupid.

"Bliggins says that he has no regrets for anything he ever said."

"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne. "That is a satisfaction enjoyed only by people who never say anything of the least importance."—Washington Star

Hustle in Life and Death.

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NO MORE BOXES WILL BE CUT

At the High Prices They Paid for Timber They Are Compelled to Reduce Output Until Naval Stores Prices Materially Advance.

The meeting of the Turpentine Operators' Association which convened in this city Thursday, was largely attended by the producers throughout this territory and much interest manifested.

It was decided at this meeting to cut down the product of the naval stores for the remainder of the year, and urge all other members who were not present of the action and to curtail the output as much as it was possible for them to do at this season.

The sense of the meeting was that it would be unwise for them to produce anywhere near their full output of rosin and spirits and put them on the market at the present prices, and the members present voted that they produce no more than would be absolutely necessary, in order to save themselves from what they already have cut ready to scrape.

The members present also agreed not to cut any more boxes, and to use their efforts to get others not to cut boxes.

It is to be regretted that more members could not have attended this meeting, but a larger number than was expected were present, and it can safely be said that a majority of the operators from the counties of Levy, Alachua and Bradford were here to participate, and will inform those who were compelled to stay at home of the action of the body.

ARRESTED GERMAN SPY.

Police Set Trap and Catch Man Red-Handed.

Orleans, France, Sept. 10.—The police have arrested a German spy while attempting to bribe a French soldier to abstract important parts of a field gun. An individual, describing himself as an agent of a German brewery recently got into communication with an artilleryman who, however, informed his commander of the German's propositions, with the result that a trap was set and the German caught red-handed.

Importance to the capture, are maintaining the greatest secrecy.

MYSTERIOUS MAN DIES AT RALEIGH

Had Card Showing Him To Be Connected With Detective Agency.

CINCINNATI SUPPOSED HOME

Lay Around for Several Days Before He Was Finally Cared For by T. J. Cone, Who Immediately Summoned a Physician.

Homeless, penniless, sick with a relapse of typhoid fever, was the sad plight in which Gilbert Yost of Cincinnati died at Raleigh on last Saturday night.

He was passing through the country in the disguise of a tramp and little attention was paid to the man by the citizens of Raleigh, where he had been forced to rest up for a few days, until the attention of T. J. Cone was called to the stranger.

Mr. Cone approached the man and saw that he was sick, seriously so, and at once ordered a physician to come to the assistance of the unfortunate being and render him what assistance he could, to see if the man could not be nursed back to health and strength and finally give some account of himself, but the dreaded malady had too great a hold upon its victim, and as a result the unfortunate man passed away, a stranger among strangers.

Although the man was conscious, he never at any time gave any account of himself, or doings, and the matter was not pressed upon him by Mr. Cone, who thought him too seriously ill to talk of these matters at that time.

Dr. Willis of Williston was summoned and did everything possible, but he gave it as his opinion that the patient had a severe attack of typhoid fever and this was a relapse.

After his death the body was neatly dressed and deceased appeared to be good-looking and apparently a man of refinement, his every feature bearing out these impressions.

Among his effects was found only one card that he could be identified by, which read: "Gilbert Yost, Cincinnati Detective Bureau Ass'n."

Aside from the above, Mr. Cone knows nothing, but is extremely anxious to know more of his mysterious guest.

THE FLOWER ON THE LAWN.

By T. B. Pearson.

Come, my dear, and hear me sing
Of a little flower that one spring
Bloomed upon a pretty lawn
For a while, and then was gone.

Think not, my dear, because it was
small

That it did no good at all;
But rather that it did impart
Joy and gladness to the heart
Of the throng that passed by
As well as those who stayed by.

May the flower upon the lawn
Shed its fragrance upon our song,
The song of life that we shall sing
Before we are called to meet our
King.

Bitten by Rattler, Boy Dies.

Valdosta, Ga., Sept. 9.—Emery Mobley, son of W. H. Mobley, living at Fargo, Ga., died Saturday as the result of a rattlesnake bite. Young Mobley was bitten by the snake on Wednesday, and despite the best medical attention he died from the poison. His suffering was very intense.

Exploding Bottle Put Out Eye.

Bremen, Ga., Sept. 9.—J. G. Copeland, proprietor of the Bremen bottling works, while at work in his establishment, lost an eye from the explosion of a bottle of ginger ale. He left at once in company with Dr. M. K. Phillips for Atlanta to undergo an operation.

Arm Torn Off in Gin.

West Point, Ga., Sept. 10.—Sam T. Whitaker, Jr., who has charge of the big ginners of G. W. Truitt, had an arm literally torn off by machinery Wednesday morning. No hope is entertained for his recovery.

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